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TOFIC Koethen Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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1. On 7 June 1951, about 60 jet fighters were parked at Koethen airfield. There was intensive flying between 4 and 5 p.m. (1) Between 3 and 8 p.m. on 8 June, 34 jet fighters were counted at the field. Two single-engine aircraft and one biplane were parked in front of the hangars. There was intensive flying in clear weather. Groups of six planes each practiced take offs and landings at short intervals. [REDACTED] (2) Six jet fighters took off from the field at 6:45 p.m. and had not landed by 8 p.m. The radio installation with four masts was still located on the western end of the runway. (3) Two tents, and two dug-outs covered by a pointed wooden lid, were in the extension of the runway, east of the Koethen-Baasdorf road. These were possibly AA gun emplacements.

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2. On 15 June, 32 jet fighters were counted at the field. [REDACTED] No trucks or tank trucks were observed at the field. Ten single-engine aircraft were parked on the runway. (4) Each plane flew one circle over the field.

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3. Between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., fourteen jet fighters [REDACTED] were counted in front of the two eastern hangars at the field. [REDACTED] Additional jet fighters were parked in the open hangars. Five jet fighters were seen in front of the flight control building. Individual single-engine aircraft circled over the field. (4)

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4. The radio installation with four masts was still located on the western edge of the field. Another radio installation was situated in the eastern extension of the runway, about 300 meters west of the road leading from the railroad crossing toward Koethen in a northwest direction. This installation consisted of two masts about 20 to 25 meters apart. The northern mast had four guy wires each at three points and the southern mast had three guy wires at two points. Each wire was provided with an insulator. A wire led from the northern mast into a nearby wooden hut, about 2.5 x 3.6 meters, in which a radio truck was probably parked. The southern mast also had a wire fitted at its top. This wire, which led to the ground, passed beside the wooden hut and had a branch line leading from the middle to a radio truck parked between the two masts. A tent with no lead-ins was located west of the southern mast.

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